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SUBJECT: PNG AND THE IRSG

REF: PORT MORESBY 229 (NOTAL)

1. REFTTEL CITED PRESS REPORT THAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA CABINET HAS APPROVED PNG APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION OF NATURAL RUBBER PRODUCING COUNTRIES (ANRPC). ALSO CITED PNG MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AS SAYING MEMBERSHIP IN ANRPC WOULD ENABLE PNG TO IMPROVE AND COORDINATE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF RUBBER.

2. PNG IS NOT A MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP (IRSG), GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE LEADING INTERNATIONAL
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ORGANIZATION DEALING WITH RUBBER ISSUES. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIA IS, AND PRESUMABLY LOOKS AFTER PNG RUBBER

INTERESTS IN IRSG. GIVEN PNG INTEREST IN BECOMING MEMBER OF ANRPC, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR PNG ALSO TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP IN IRSG. THIS WOULD PROVIDE PNG WITH EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH COMMODITY AND RAW MATERIAL PROBLEMS IN PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONTEXT AND COULD BE OF IMPORTANCE TO US AND OTHER CONSUMER NATIONS FOLLOWING PNG INDEPENDENCE IN VIEW OF POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE PNG AS RAW MATERIALS PRODUCER (E.G., COPPER AND POSSIBLY OTHER MINERALS).

3. AGENDA FOR APRIL 21-22 MEETING OF IRSG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (XC) INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF INVITATIONS TO ELEVEN GOVERNMENTS TO BECOME MEMBERS OF IRSG (WHICH NOW HAS 31 MEMBERS). IT IS TOO LATE FOR IRSG TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP INVITATION TO PNG (WHICH WOULD REQUIRE PRIOR COMMENTS FROM OTHER IRSG MEMBERS) AT THIS SESSION OF XC, BUT IF AUSTRALIA AND PNG INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY OF PNG MEMBERSHIP, GOA COULD REQUEST IRSG SECRETARIAT (OR UK CHAIRMAN OF XC) TO RAISE ISSUE OF PNG MEMBERSHIP AT APRIL MEETING AND ASK THAT INVITATION TO PNG BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT XC OR FULL IRSG GROUP MEETING.

4. IF EMBASSY CANBERRA AND CG PORT MORESBY PERCEIVE NO OBJECTIONS THEY REQUESTED SOUND OUT APPROPRIATE GOA AND PNG OFFICIALS RE POSSIBLE PNG INTEREST IN BECOMING MEMBER OF IRSG. INGERSOLL

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